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SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I guess I would like to echo Senator Jones' comments. And realizing that Mr. Lapaseotes is very busy, but he still takes this assignment very seriously and well qualified. I think he will bring a tremendous perspective to the commission. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Schrock, would you like to close on the confirmation report?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I'd like to thank Senator Smith and Senator Jones for their support. I'd like to thank Senator Preister. I think Senator Preister gave a fair account of what took place. I felt bad about the situation at the hearing that we didn't have more time and that some people were cut off short. Having said that, I think that Connie Lapaseotes is certainly a qualified candidate. It is the Governor's choice, and I think we can be supportive, because I think he will give the time and lend his talents to that position. And, with that, I'll conclude my remarks and say that by reporting favorably on the appointment of Connie Lapaseotes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. The question before us is the adoption of the confirmation report of the Natural Resources Committee. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The confirmation report is adopted. Members, we'll move to Final Reading. If you'd all return to your seats, please. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. We are on Final Reading. Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 8, the question is, shall LB 87 be considered for a vote without an at-large reading? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to dispense with Final Reading.